GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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AKASH MISSILE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of the Indian Air Force have raised objections on the Akash Missile System as reported in the 'Hindustan' dated April 26, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether tests of these missiles have proved to be unsuccessful;

(d) if so, the flaws found therein;

(e) whether the claims of military experts and DRDO differ;

(f) if so, whether deployment of Akash missiles in the Army is being considered; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Representatives of the Indian Air Force had participated in the development trials of the Akash Missile System conducted by DRDO, as observers and provided user's inputs for improvement in the system performance.

(c) to (e): Some trials at the development stage had not been fully successful. User's trial are likely to commence shortly.

(f) No decision has been taken so far by the Government for induction of Akash Missile system in the Army.

(g) Does not arise.